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Out of 48 elevated metro stations, no-honking message displayed at 11 already, as ear-splitting 'tunnel boom' inconvenience citizens underneath

BOOM-E-RANG

High decibel honking affects structural integrity of buildings

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Commuters and pedestrians frequenting the underside of elevated metro stations have been bearing the brunt of excessive noise from ear-splitting horns of vehicles passing by for years now.

It was this deafening 'tunnel boom' effect of noise from honking that led the Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation (BMRCL) to put up a no-honking message at the Trinity Circle Metro station last year.

Subsequently, the message 'Metro premises: no honking' was put at a few more stations across the city. The corporation is now looking at expediting the process.

According to BMRCL officials, the rest of the elevated metro stations in the city too shall flaunt the signage sooner.

"In total, there are 48 elevated metro stations in the city; the no-honking message has already been put up at 11 stations. We are planning to expedite the process and get the signboards installed at the rest of the 37 elevated stations over the next two months," said BMRCL

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"Honking under elevated stations may seem insignificant... It is an occupational hazard for many who work in the vicinity

— Rajkumar Dugar, C4C

Blinding lights

Dazzling headlights are banned as per law, but 'thanks to potholes, motorists are queuing up'

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Potholes in the city are becoming a perennial problem. So motorists are now modifying vehicle headlights. City mechanics said they are getting a lot of requests from the motorists for powerful lights.

"There have been a spate of accidents on the road especially during night-time as many fail to spot potholes. So, motorists are demanding powerful headlights so that they can have proper vision. We are trying to convince motorists that it is a violation of norms. Yet, many are queuing up for the same," said mechanic Satish M.

Dazzling headlights are banned as it is against the law to use blinding lights; yet many people do use these.

The Central Motor Vehicles Rules specify the prohibition of dazzling lights. A majority of motorists, on the other hand, ignore it. In city limits, using high beams is illegal, but due to lack of knowledge and technology, drivers get away with it. The deflection of lights is precisely defined by the Central Motor Vehicles regulation. However, most drivers do not follow it. This infringement

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Road safety 101

Forum Koramangala Mall in association with Being Social - Ek Nayi Shuruaat is organising a special road safety programme for citizens. The volunteers will be dressed as Lord Ganesha, Yamraj, Chitragupta, along with traffic cops, traffic signals and in various other roles to spread awareness on road safety. This road safety pledge will conclude with a flash mob.
Where: Forum Mall, Koramangala
When: March 26, 4.30 PM

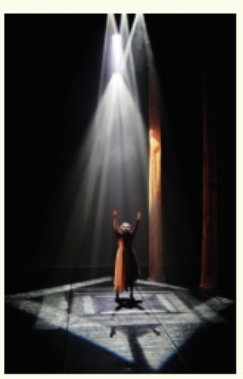
02 Plays for contemporary times

Antaranga, a creative amateur theatre group has been staging relevant contemporary Kannada plays for the past 42 years. This year's festival is named 'Rangamilanotsava' which is being held at Sevasadana, Malleswaram. The festival will be graced by eminent theatre personalities like Kappanna, Sundar Raj, BV Rajaram, Sudha Belavadi, B R Lakshman Rao, Mahendra and Shadakshari. Veteran theatre stalwarts Nagabharana and Sethuram will be felicitated on the occasion.

Where: Sevasadana, Malleswaram
When: Till March 24, 6:30pm onwards
Entry: Free, 9986911321

03 Transcending boundaries

After a spectacular three-month run that saw events being hosted, on ground and virtually, the 10th edition of the Attakkalari India Biennial is set to bid adieu on March 22 with a performance that is almost like an ode to the hybrid lives we are leading today. Featuring Hemabharathy Palani from India and Ryu Suzuki from Japan, the production explores vignettes from the lives of two individuals who have never met before, except through technology. This is a co-production by Japan Foundation (New Delhi) and Attakkalari Centre for Movement Arts (Bangalore).



Where: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur
When: March 22, 7.30 PM
Entry: bookmyshow.com

Showers and their aftermath

Bengalureans go about their business in the midst of a March downpour; (inset) an uprooted tree blocks the road in Sadashivanagar

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FLAME OF THE FOREST

Karnataka Forest Department officials keep a watch on fires in protected areas; say precipitation, more amount of biomass are reasons behind rise in such incidents

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With the onset of summer, wildfires in sanctuaries and forest reserves across Karnataka seem to have worsened. As per data furnished by the Karnataka Forest Department, the number of fires in February this year has gone up, compared to the last year.

While 1,439 fire incidents were reported last year, as many as 1,555 incidents were logged this time.

When it comes to protected areas, 29 incidents were reported in January this year, compared to only 14 fire incidents the previous year. Protected areas include Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Nagarhole Tiger Reserve, BR Tiger Reserve and Wildlife Sanctuary, Cauvery Wildlife Reserve and MM Hills Forest.

According to the experts, a high amount of biomass on the forest floor can be one reason behind these incidents.

"As per one of the hypotheses, a high number of forest fires can be due to non-native species colonising large areas of these reserves and other parts of forests. Lantana is one such invasive shrub found in abundance in our forests. If left unchecked, it grows and gets accumulated as biomass," said Rajat Naik of Foundation for Ecological Research, Advocacy and Learning. Rajat explained that once the dry season arrives, all that is left of it is fuel on the forest floor and a greater amount of lantana or any other kind of shrub on the forest floor will lead to higher fire incidents.

Better equipment will help combat these fires, say officials

> **"We had good rainfall last year that has led to higher vegetation growth, making forests more susceptible to fire**
>
> –PC Ray, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Karnataka Forest Department

Precipitation regimes also have varying impacts on forest fires, say experts. Forest officials believe that last year, there was heavy rainfall all through the season across the state, which has resulted in higher vegetation growth. With a rising temperature and less rainfall, this dried-up biomass becomes more prone to catching fire.

PC Ray, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Karnataka Forest Department, said that this year, they were expecting more of such fire incidents. "We had good rainfall last year that has led to higher vegetation growth, making forests more susceptible to fire. Most of these are ground fires. We are following up with the on-ground officers and taking regular feedback."

Experts also believe that the next 15 days, being the driest period of the season, are going to be critical.

"While some of the areas this year are doing well due to late rainfall in December, the subsequent 15-20 days are going to be critical. This is the driest time of the season, and it will keep the officials busy," said DV Girish, wildlife conservationist and environmentalist.

Gearing up for the future

According to forest department officials, while all the available technologies are being deployed at fire sites, the department is looking forward to adding novel technologies to its arsenal to control fire incidents in the future. According to Ray, the department has submitted a proposal to the government for around 30 drones and one Cessna C-188 aircraft as part of firefighting technology.

"Once approved, we will have 15 thermal-sensor drones, 15 optical-sensor drones and one Cessna aircraft to help us in the detection of forest fires. While Cessna will be stationed at Mysuru to be used in case of fire incidents across the state, the drones will be made available at all 41 divisions," said Ray.

The drones will help the department in detecting fire incidents during the nighttime and in areas with low visibility. These drones can be flown to areas that are inaccessible to us and can detect fire with the help of the sensors. Currently, out of 41 divisions, three have thermal sensor drones, explained Ray.

"However, once the proposal is approved, the rest of the divisions will also have this technology. We will be able to spot fire on the forest floors and thus will be able to control it without wasting precious time." The drones will also help in ensuring that the fires have been doused properly, he added.

Man sleeping under truck crushed by it

In a freak accident, a 40-year-old labourer was killed after he was run over while sleeping under a parked truck to take shelter from the rain on Sunday night.

The driver of the truck did not notice him and moved the vehicle when the mishap occurred in Vivek Nagar during night time.

The deceased has been identified as Immanuel, a resident of LR Nagar. He was working at a welding shop in Viveknagar, the police said.

A senior police officer said the accident took place around 11 pm and a long truck which was loaded with two earth movers was parked at the roadside of Vivek Nagar Main Road and the driver took a break after noticing the traffic, the police added.

Meanwhile Immanuel who was going home crept under the truck to take shelter from the rain and fell asleep.

The driver returned and started the vehicle. Immmanuel, who allegedly was under the influence of alcohol, did not hear the engine start due to the rain, the police suspects. The driver moved the vehicle and the victim was run over by the rear wheel. Passers-by noticed the incident, alerted the Ashoknagar traffic police and rushed to the spot to identify the vehicle based on the footage. A case of death due to negligence has been registered against the driver, Anjimani, who hails from Tamil Nadu, the police said.

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Garbage truck rams, kills 14-yr-old

A 14-year-old girl was killed and a biker and a pedestrian narrowly escaped death, sustaining injuries, after a speeding garbage truck knocked them down in front of the Hebbal police station on Monday afternoon. The RT Nagar traffic police arrested the driver, Manjunath, 35, on charges of reckless driving and death due to negligence for further investigations.

The deceased has been identified as Akshaya, a student in the ninth grade and the daughter of Narasimha Murthy and Geetha. The family hails from Kolar and is residing in Vishwanatha Nagenahalli. Murthy, works as a conductor in BMTC, the police said.

The accident occurred around 12.45 pm and the girl who was in her uniform was crossing the road across the Hebbal underpass and returning home after writing an exam, the police said.

The driver of the BBMP truck, heading towards the Airport Road ran over the girl and crashed into a bike and car which were going on the side of the road. The bike rider, a private company employee escaped with injuries while Akshaya died on the spot as she came under the truck, police said.

The pedestrian, identified as Soumya (40), was also injured and the biker and her were shifted to a private hospital in Hebbal and are recovering.

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Snap! There goes our commute

Rly officials to probe what caused snapping of overhead electric line that disrupted 2 trains

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The Southwestern Railway officials have initiated an investigation on a snapped overhead electric line that caused disruption of movement of two trains while one of the trains was crossing the Nayandahalli halt station on Monday morning. Hundreds of passengers who had taken the Chamundi Express from Mysuru to Bengaluru had to get down and access the nearby metro station and BMTC buses to reach their workplaces on Monday morning.

According to railway officials, one of the two overhead electrical cables near the Nayandahalli Halt Station got snapped and the officials are investigating the reason as to how that happened. "The snapping looks like a heavy object would have fallen over it and we are in the process of finding what it was," said a senior railway official. The Chamundi Express, which was running on the electric line, onboard with around 600-odd passengers had to stop at the Nayandahalli halt station for about 50 minutes until the snapped electrical wire was set right. Meanwhile, another train a Mysuru-Bengaluru Memu that was behind Chamundi Express also got delayed by around the same time at a different station before reaching the outskirts of Bengaluru, the railway officials said. "The disruption was for about 45 to 50 minutes and we did not deboard any passengers. We restored it as quickly as we could by isolating the fault. Any failure detected in the overhead electric equipment physically like that of a wire getting cut or burnt and snapped due to short circuit, electric supply is disrupted or disconnected in the entire sub-section or the section. Due to disruption of electric supply, the crane operating to repair the cut wires would operate with the help of electric locomotives from the train," a senior railway official pointed out.

Since the train had been stopped for nearly an hour, several passengers deboarded the train and walked towards the nearby Jnanabharathi metro station and some bus stops.

Passengers had to deboard the trains and head to Metro stations, bus stops to get to their workplaces in time

The Jnanabharathi metro station saw heavy footfall and the metro officials were overburdened with the number of passengers they got at that single metro station. "We had to report for work at 9 to 9.30 am at Majestic and so we thought waiting would not help and decided to take the metro," said a train commuter. The Chamundi Express had to wait at the halt station from 9 am to 9.50 am when the problem was set right and the train travel resumed.

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Even at night, they keep time for waste collection

As part of clean street challenge, Mahadevapura Task Force - Mobility deploys one tipper per BBMP ward in constituency to collect garbage at night time

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Waste is collected during the daytime in the city. But the timing is inconvenient for commercial shops shutting after 11pm, who look to unload their day's load at night. This means, many dump their waste at convenient spots nearby causing littering. Mahadevapura Task Force - Mobility has floated a proposal to collect garbage at night as a part of its clean street challenge to reduce instances of such littering.

"A key objective of the challenge is to have 'No Garbage On Ground' (NGOG). We're determined to deal with the root causes and achieve sustainable improvement. We observed, a major source of roadside dumping were small commercial shops and footpath vendors," said Clement Jayakumar, secretary, Mahadevapura Task Force - Mobility.

As part of the challenge, cleaning and beautification drives are being conducted across a 75-km-stretch in the Mahadevapura constituency. People participating in the initiative also monitor residents to prevent dumping at night time.

"One tipper has been deployed per BBMP ward in Mahadevapura. Garbage will be collected between 6 pm and 12 pm," said Jayakumar.

Such an idea was first implemented in Church Street. But this is the first time something like this is being implemented at the ward level. Based on the success of this initiative, more auto tippers will be deployed to enable a larger coverage in the Mahadevapura constituency. Officials noted, despite the initiative being launched just a week ago, there is considerable improvement and there is a rising demand for more auto-tippers.

Garbage collection at a ward in Mahadevapura in the night time

"It has made cleaning easier for garbage collectors in the morning. Marshalls have also been doing rounds at night to catch offenders and educate them. But there is a need to increase the number of auto-tippers," said Basavaraju, junior commissioned officer (JCO), BBMP.

> **"We plan to establish manned garbage stations; people can dump garbage even after the auto-tipper has left** –Clement, secretary, Mahadevapura Task Force - Mobility

Further, Jayakumar told BM the task force hasn't noticed such issues in residential areas. "We haven't seen this problem in residential areas but (streets with) paying guest (PG) accommodations seem to have similar problems. People working according to UK shifts can't find the time to get rid of garbage on time (at day time). We have planned to install garbage bins outside (PGs). If that does not work, we will consider extending the night service to these PGs as well. We also have plans to establish Kasa Kiosk (manned garbage stations) so people can dump garbage at the station even after the auto-tipper has left the area."

Night vision to escape potholes

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is responsible for a large number of traffic accidents, particularly at night.

Road accidents caused by high beams are seldom noted in police reports or accident reports. "In addition to developing an awareness campaign, enforcement agencies should come up with the newest technologies to penalise drivers who violate the high beam law," said traffic expert MN Sreehari.

According to the Motor Vehicles Act, the light bulb used in the headlights should not be more than 7 watts; it is also illegal under Section 177 of the Indian Motor Vehicles Act (improper use of headlights) to modify headlights.

Keshava, a mechanic from Marathahalli, said: "I did not know it is prohibited to set up a light beam higher than 7 watts. Everyone's been using it. The headlight bulbs I install are more than 65-80 watts."

Sreehari added that a traffic expert said 'RTO and traffic police should seize vehicles with high beam headlights as these create a blinding effect to the oncoming vehicle/pedestrian/commuter which results in a higher number of accidents.'

Motorists also argued they are forced to go for powerful lights due to the absence of streetlights. "Street lights have not been installed in all parts of the city," claimed Bharath, a mechanic from Indiranagar.

Meghan, who injured his arm because of poor road conditions, after the accident, chose a high beam headlight since there are no street lights on the road back to his home in Panathur.

Sreehari said if the road condition is bad, one has to complain to the municipal authority and not take the law into one's own hands.

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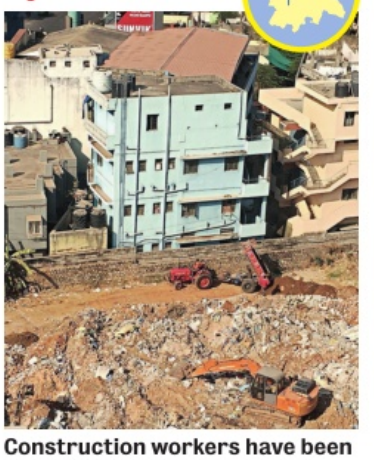
Rocky terrain
Kengeri

Someone has dumped rocks in the middle of the 80 feet road across St Francis Church. This is dangerous for motorists who may fall due to the rocks.

Gets their goat
Benson Town

A resident has encroached a pavement in the area for their goats. Other residents are worried about the hygiene in the neighbourhood due to this.

Dustbin-like
Mysuru Road



Construction workers have been dumping debris at this vacant site across BHEL Factory near Pride Enchanta, an apartment complex. Residents of the apartment complex complained about dust pollution due to these activities.

Dogs, feeder face neighbourhood's brutality

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Two women approached the Kodigehalli Police station with a complaint stating that their neighbour attacked one of them for feeding stray dogs. The dogs were also allegedly attacked by other residents, and the feeders abused.

Complainant Veena Kumari Jaggari (inset, top), a resident of AMCO Layout and Manjusha (inset, bottom) of Dee Enclave told police that the latter was attacked by their neighbour on Thursday while she was feeding the dogs.

"I take care of seven dogs and Manjusha, who is my neighbour, feeds four dogs. On Thursday, the man threw a stick at them from his first-floor balcony. The same man had hit one of the dogs on Wednesday too, causing the animal to bleed. We did not take it up then, but when he went after them on Thursday again, we reached out to Hoysala."

According to Manjusha, two dogs of the pack are young and are mischievous. They steal shoes and damage the clothes that the residents leave unattended on the road.

Many residents have taken objection to the duo feeding stray dogs and have been harassing the women and animals too.

"All the dogs are vaccinated and neutered. However, people keep jelly stones on their terraces and hit the dogs at night and when we are not around. We have had instances when residents have abused us. They walk with sticks during feeding time," said Jaggari.

The streeties have been attacked with sticks on multiple occasions

Officials from the Kodigehalli police station informed that an NCR has been filed and action will be taken.

Dr Lakshmi narayana Swamy, assistant director, Yelahanka zone, animal husbandry, BBMP visited AMCO Layout on Saturday to take stock of the situation.

"We met the accused and warned him of dire consequences. In that case, we will file an FIR immediately. The accused says that the dogs destroy his vehicle parked on the street. We have instructed him to remove the vehicle from the road, informed Dr Swamy.

He said people should understand that BBMP can pick up a street dog only when the animal shows signs of rabies. "We cannot relocate any animal otherwise."

Harini Raghavan of Citizens for Animal Birth Control, said: "The police told the accused and other residents that they can reach out to BBMP for help. He wrongly informed them that BBMP will relocate the dogs at their request. This is not a responsible comment from a police official."

According to Dr Swamy, while BBMP has been training the police officials at local police stations on animal laws, they are now planning to take up the exercise with the DCP offices.

A 6-lane upgrade for B'luru-Hyd highway

Busy route to also get a real-time digital information system; project to cost Rs 4,750 crore

On most days, the four-lane highway is chock-a-block with vehicles

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Initially, the road was two-lane and it would take 12 hours to cover it. Currently, it takes less than eight hours, which, officials hope, will reduce further

Commuters using the Bengaluru-Hyderabad highway can breathe a sigh of relief. The route is soon set to become six-lane, providing hassle-free movement of traffic between the two state capitals.

Recently, Union Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy said that the Bengaluru-Hyderabad (NH 44) would be made into six lanes from the existing four-lane road. It is also set to get a real-time digital information management system. The approximate cost of conversion is Rs 4,750 crore, said an official release.

Nanda Kishore, a traffic expert, explains the route's popularity. "Every day, thousands of people travel between the two cities. Though there are a few trains, a large part of the railway track is a single one. Hence, even for a super-fast Rajdhani train, it takes more than 11 hours to cover the distance. On the other hand, the travel time between Bengaluru and Hyderabad by flight is an hour."

However, he adds, one needs to travel an hour from Bengaluru city to the airport and then wait for one or two hours before boarding a flight and then travel another hour from the Hyderabad airport to the city (coincidentally, Bengaluru airport is located on the Hyderabad road and Hyderabad airport on Bengaluru road and both the airports are located at a distance of 40 kilometres from the city centre). Hence, many of them prefer to travel by road.

Earlier, there was a two-lane road between Bengaluru and Hyderabad. It would take around 12 hours to cover the distance of 570 kilometres. However, with the increase in traffic, the travel time only increased. Since then, the flyover was widened to four lanes and bypasses were constructed at key cities, reducing the travel time to less than eight hours. Now, officials hope that if the road is converted to a six-lane road, the travel time may decrease further.

Sudheer Y, who frequently travels to Hyderabad from Bengaluru also agreed that the traffic between the two cities had increased in recent years. "At many places, it feels like the four-lane road is not sufficient. In fact, when the golden quadrilateral and north-south corridor was announced by the then PM AB Vajpayee, it was said that this road will be a six-lane road. However, then it was made into four-lane road."

Commuters are happy with this decision. Ram Kumar, a businessman said that the Hyderabad-Bengaluru road is a key road that connects north and central parts of India towards peninsular India and even till Kanyakumari. "The planners should think of the future as land acquisition will not only become expensive but also a cumbersome process with rapid development. So, the planners should envision the future and convert it into a multi-lane highway."

Fourth wave predicted in August: Sudhakar

Karnataka Health and Family Welfare Minister K Sudhakar on Monday said the fourth wave of Covid in the country has been predicted for the month of August.

Responding to a question by BJP MLC Shashil Namoshi during the Zero Hour, he said it would be made mandatory to wear masks at indoor facilities. A decision would be taken regarding this issue after holding a meeting with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

He said the new sub-variant of coronavirus B.A.2 surfaced first in Philippines and later, spread to 40 countries.

The minister stated that there was no need for people to panic even if a fourth wave surfaces, as the vaccination drive had been effectively conducted in the state.

He further stated that as many as 10.25 crore doses of vaccinations have been administered in Karnataka.

"Booster doses have been given. Parents are also convinced on vaccinating children above the age of 12 years," he added.

Health workers conduct covid tests at bus stands in the city

Vaccination prevents spread of Covid. However, precautions must be followed by the people, he said.

"We have made arrangements for 55,256 oxygenated beds. The capacity of oxygen production has been increased from 300 metric tonne to 1,270 metric tonnes."

A total of 265 laboratories have been established and the testing capacity has been increased 2.5 lakh per day. "With the experience of three years, doctors are well equipped to provide treatment," he said. **-IANS**

Tunnel boom bust

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managing director Anjum Parvez.

The signage is going to be an integral part of all upcoming elevated stations.

"It will be a normal feature for all the current and upcoming metro stations in Bengaluru. If you stand under the elevated stations while vehicles are passing by and honking, you will realise the impact of the tunnelling effect of sound. It is very harsh and hurts your ears. We are putting up these messages for the welfare of commuters and those working at these stations," Parvez told BM.

High decibel honking is also known to affect the structural integrity of buildings in the long run.

"If the sound waves keep hitting the concrete structures regularly, it can leave undesirable impacts on the buildings in the long run. Moreover, putting up the signage is also a part of wider efforts going on in the city for some time. Bengaluru has been trying to minimise unnecessary honking, and these signboards will play a role in spreading the message," added Parvez.

Initiated by Citizens for Citizens in association with BMRCL, the drive is expected to reduce vehicular noise pollution in the city. "We want Bengaluru to be the first no-honking city. While honking under elevated stations might seem to be insignificant to us, it is an occupational hazard for many who work in and around these metro stations," said Rajkumar Dugar, founder of C4C.

Fines 'impractical'

While BMRCL is doing its bit towards spreading awareness about the social cause, the corporation is not planning to penalise the vehicles inducing 'tunnel boom' under elevated stations yet.

"Imposing fines will become impractical. Bengaluru is an educated and aware city; we are hoping Bengalureans will respond to the signages every time they frequent the underside of elevated metro stations in their vehicles," added Parvez.

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‘Even in his last moments, his act was selfless’

Says bereaved mother as several in Haveri village pay last respects to medical student killed in Ukraine

#Haveri

The final rites of Naveen Shekarappa Gyanagoudar, the medical student who lost his life in Russian shelling in Kharkiv city of Ukraine, was performed in his native village Chalageri here on Monday morning.

His family conducted the rites as per Veerashaiva Lingayat traditions. The mortal remains will be kept for public viewing till 2 pm and later handed over to the private medical college.

People from surrounding villages have lined up to pay their last respects to Naveen. Several students who returned from the war-torn Ukraine have also come to pay their homage. Praveen, who came back safely from Ukraine, said that Naveen was a rank holder and guided juniors in Ukraine.

“We studied in the same college. Naveen was a gem of a person. He helped many who came from India to settle down in Ukraine. I had been to his room before the war started,” he said.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who was present at 3 a.m. on Monday when Naveen’s body arrived from Dubai, is also likely to visit the native village and offer his condolences to the family.

Remembering her son as a selfless person, Naveen’s mother Vijayalakshmi said he got killed as he went out to fetch food for his friends. Had he stayed back in the bunker, he would have been alive. To make his death meaningful, the family has decided to donate his body to the medical college, she said. “In his last moments my son’s action to venture out was selfless,” she reiterated.

Naveen was killed in Russian shelling on March 1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to his father personally and comforted him. The father had asked Prime Minister Modi to bring back all students from Ukraine safely as they are assets of this country.

The government had granted Rs 25 lakh as compensation to Naveen’s family besides assurance to help his brother. **– IANS**

(Top) A truck carries the mortal remains of Naveen Shekharappa Gyanagoudar, during his funeral procession at Chalageri village in Haveri on Monday; (Above) Naveen’s mother, father and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai pay their last respects

Returnee medicos can continue studies here

The Karnataka government is planning to facilitate the continuation of education of about 700 medical students from the state, who have returned to the state from war-torn Ukraine, in 60 medical colleges across the state. The decision was announced after a meeting between Health and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar and the students at Vidhana Soudha on Monday.

Clarifying that the students will not be officially absorbed into the colleges, Dr.Sudhakar said that this measure is aimed to ensure that their learning and practice is continued till another solution is possible. No additional fee will be charged to the students, he said.

Dr Sudhakar said that a high level committee has been formed consisting of Principal Secretary of Medical Education Department, Director of Medical Education, RGUHS VC, Registrar, Directors and deans of some medical colleges. The committee will look into all aspects considering the academic future of the students and submit a report to the state government. Based on the report the state government will request National Medical Council (NMC) and the Centre to take necessary measures to protect the future of the students.

“We are all hopeful and praying that the war will come to an end soon. We have to see what developments will take place in the future in Ukraine and take appropriate decision based on the situation. We will also need to consider the mindset of students and take best possible decision within the existing legal and regulatory framework,” he said. He said he interacted with the students, heard them out and shared their concerns not just as a minister but as their elder brother who is concerned about their future. He said the students were much relieved about their future after listening to government’s the decision.

Centre thinking about students

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai told reporters in Davanagere on Monday that the course structure in Ukraine is different from that in India, but the Union government is thinking about their future seriously as it involves the future of students from various States.

“Though the government fee is low, medical education in the private sector is expensive. Even students who score 90-95% are not getting seats in NEET. As the cost of seats in management quota and NRI quota is high, the students look out for other options. We are considering a proposal to categorise the seats into A, B and C categories to reduce the fee. The Medical Council of India decides the issues related to medical courses. A reconsideration is on in this regard.The Union government is seriously considering alternative measures for medical students who have returned from war torn Ukraine before completing their course,” Bommai said. **– Prakash VL**

Evacuation of students mammoth exercise, SC told

Attorney General (AG) KK Venugopal on Monday told the Supreme Court that the central government is considering the issue of further studies of over 20,000 medical students, who have been evacuated from war-torn Ukraine.

Venugopal submitted before a bench headed by Chief Justice N.V. Ramana that a mammoth task has been successfully completed by the central government and 22,500 students from the country and other nationalities have been brought back.

He further added that the government is examining the issue of their further studies. The Chief Justice took on record that the government was considering the representation made with regard to future studies of the students.

Petitioner advocate Vishal Tiwari submitted that the education of students should not be hampered and they should be allowed to continue studies here. After a brief submission in the matter, the top court closed the two petitions.

Besides Tiwari, Fathima Ahana, a student from National Medical University in Odessa, Ukraine had moved the court seeking a direction to the Centre to evacuate the Indian students from Ukraine. **IANS**

22,500 Indians returned between Feb 1-Mar 11: Govt

Around 22,500 Indian nationals returned to India from Ukraine between February 1 and March 11, Minister of State for Civil Aviation VK Singh said on Monday.

India started evacuating its citizens from Ukraine’s neighbouring countries such as Poland, Romania and Hungary from February 26. A total of 90 evacuation flights were operated under Operation Ganga, including 14 Indian Air Force flights, the minister said.

In his reply to a written question in Rajya Sabha, Singh said, “Around 22,500 Indian nationals have returned from Ukraine to India from February 1 to March 11, 2022.”

“The air fare for all the flights operated under Operation Ganga has been borne entirely by the government and nothing has been charged from the students,” he added. **PTI**

UGC zeroes in on CUET for UG programmes
UGC chairman M Jagadesh Kumar on Monday said the central universities will have to use Common University Entrance Test (CUET) scores to admit students to undergraduate programmes

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Covid relief steps have end date: RBI

Liquidity measures to be withdrawn gradually, says Das

#MUMBAI

All covid-related liquidity relief measures extended by the central bank have come with a sunset date and would be withdrawn in due course, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Monday.

Addressing an event organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Das said, "any relief, RBI has given, has a sunset date, those reliefs were given in a time-frame manner. It has an opening and closing date."

The RBI Governor said the central bank would come out with a mechanism to ensure that the liquidity measures are withdrawn smoothly.

"We will ensure abundant liquidity to meet the requirements of the productive sectors of the economy. Rs 17 lakh crore liquidity support was provided," Das said.

Das said the RBI would continue to support economic growth. "The Indian economy is on a growth path as many high frequency indicators of economic activity are in green. Our CAD (current account deficit) is low and our forex reserves quite high," he said.

"We will ensure abundant liquidity to meet the needs of the productive sectors of the economy. ₹17 lakh cr liquidity support was given
–Shaktikanta Das, RBI governor

Shopping has been steadily picking up in the country after various coronavirus-induced restrictions

Economy can face any challenge

Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das on Monday said the RBI will continue to ensure adequate liquidity to support the economy, which is facing many headwinds in the form of soaring crude oil and key commodity prices following the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Das said since the pandemic-hit the economy in March 2020, the central bank has pumped in funds to keep the economy going and assured the industry that the RBI will continue to ensure that the economy is well oiled with funds.

The governor further said banks at the system level are in better health now with the capital adequacy ratio at 16 per cent, and gross NPAs falling to a record low of 6.5 per cent.

He said despite the headwinds arising from the Russia-Ukraine war, the economy is better placed given the high forex reserves and low current account gap.

"We are comfortably placed to deal with any challenges with regard to financing the CAD, and the RBI stands committed to deal with any challenges on this front," he said.

BJP retains Dhami, Sawant as CMs

#DEHRADUN/PANAJI

Pushkar Singh Dhami and Pramod Sawant will be the chief ministers of Uttarakhand and Goa for a second successive term after the BJP Monday weighed in favour of youth, continuity and ability to perform under pressure ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

BJP lawmakers of the two states met in Dehradun and Panaji, and elected Dhami, who lost his own seat but powered the party to a massive victory, and Sawant, as their leaders, ending 11 days of intense speculation over chief ministership.

Party's central observer and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh announced Dhami's name after a brief meeting of the BJP legislature party in Dehradun which was also attended by Union ministers Meenakshi Lekhi and Pralhad Joshi.

From left: Pushkar Singh Dhami; Pramod Sawant

"In six months, Dhami left his imprint on Uttarakhand which manifested in the election results," Rajnath Singh told reporters

Sawant, too, was elected unanimously as the BJP legislature party leader, with Vishwajit Rane, another contender for the top job, proposing his name.

"It has been decided that Dr Pramod Sawant would be the leader of the House," Union minister Narendra Singh Tomar said. **PTI**

Crypto losses can't be offset, clarifies govt

#NEW DELHI

The worst fears of crypto traders have come true. The government has clarified that losses from one crypto can't be adjusted against gains from another. Responding to questions by Congress MP Karti P. Chidambaram in Parliament, the Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said that as per the Budget, the loss from transfer of a virtual digital asset shall not be allowed to be set off against income from another virtual digital asset.

Crypto entrepreneurs are stunned by the revelation and are hoping that this rule is amended. "Treating profits and losses of each market pair separately will discourage crypto participation and throttle the industry's growth. It's very unfortunate, and we urge the government to reconsider this," said Nischal Shetty, CEO of WazirX. "Not being able to offset losses is very discouraging for serious investors," says Sumit Gupta, CEO of Coin DCX. Tax experts say this amounts to treating crypto assets like lottery tickets and gambling. "In gambling and lotteries, the income is taxed at a flat rate of 30% without any deduction of expenses and without set off against other income," says Archit Gupta, CEO and founder of Clear. MoS Finance Chaudhary also said no deduction of any expenditure or allowance, apart from cost of acquisition, will be allowed while computing the income from the transfer of virtual digital assets. He clarified that infrastructure cost will not be treated as cost of acquisition for mining crypto assets. **–ET**

Plane carrying 132 crashes in mountain in China

#GUANGZHOU

China Eastern confirmed there had been fatalities after a jet carrying 132 people crashed into a mountain in southern China on Monday, shortly after losing contact with air traffic control and dropping thousands of metres in just three minutes.

The Boeing 737-800 flight from the city of Kunming to the southern hub of Guangzhou "lost airborne contact over Wuzhou" city in the Guangxi region on Monday afternoon, according to the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC).

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The jet was carrying 123 passengers and nine crew members.

China Eastern confirmed late Monday that at least some people involved in the crash had been killed, without providing more information or giving details on any survivors.

"The company expresses its deep condolences for the passengers and crew members who died in the plane crash," the airline said in a statement.

The disaster prompted an unusually swift public reaction from President Xi Jinping, who said he was "shocked" and ordered an immediate investigation into its cause.

Hundreds of firefighters were dispatched to the scene in Teng county near Wuzhou, state media reported, as nearby villagers rushed to help the rescue effort.

"Everyone went to the mountains," Tang Min, who runs a restaurant a few kilometres from the crash site, told AFP by telephone.

Fears for the fate of the jet spread on Monday afternoon as local media reported that China Eastern flight MU5735 had not arrived as planned in Guangzhou after taking off from Kunming shortly after 1:00 pm (0500 GMT).

Smoke rises from a fire after a China Eastern Airlines passenger plane carrying 132 people crashed near Wuzhou city in the Guangxi region

India grounds Boeing 737

The DGCA has put the Boeing 737 fleets of Indian carriers on "enhanced surveillance" after a China Eastern Airlines aircraft of the same make crashed on Monday with 132 people on board, its chief Arun Kumar said. Three Indian carriers -- SpiceJet, Vistara and Air India Express -- have Boeing 737 aircraft in their fleets. When asked what steps the DGCA is taking, Kumar said, "Flight safety is serious business and we are closely studying the situation."

Flight tracking website FlightRadar24 showed no data for the flight after 2:22 pm.

The tracker showed the plane sharply dropped from an altitude of 29,100 feet to 3,225 feet (8,870 to 982 metres) in three minutes, before flight information ceased.

One villager told a local news site that the plane had "completely fallen apart" and he had seen forest areas destroyed by the fire it caused when crashing into the mountainside.

China Eastern changed its website to black and white only on Monday afternoon.

A January company report said China Eastern had 289 Boeing 737-series aircraft in its 751-strong fleet.

State broadcaster CCTV said it had learned that China Eastern will ground all its 787-800 jets as a precaution after the crash.

Boeing said in a statement that it was "aware of the initial media reports and... working to gather more information".

Xi called for "all efforts" towards the rescue. **AFP**

HEALTH TIP: A recent clinical study confirmed that there are no fertility benefits from weight loss

Cinnamon has been shown to have anti-inflammatory properties that may benefit those living with Parkinson's and Alzheimer's

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Just sleep on it

Sound advice: Sleep can influence response to emotional situations and help us manage mental health

Instead of lying awake worrying, we're often told to "sleep on it" when making decisions both big and small. And there's actually a scientific basis for this advice. Sleep can influence our response to emotional situations, and helps us to manage our mental health.

To understand why sleep and emotions are so connected, it's important to first understand what happens in the brain when we encounter something emotive.

Two main brain regions interact to create emotional responses. The first is the limbic system, which is located deep in our brain.

This acts as our emotion centre, quickly evaluating a situation and helping us to decide how to react. Historically, this region may have been important for humanity's survival, as it helps us react quickly in certain situations – if we encounter a dangerous predator, for example.

But most of the time we need to adjust our initial emotional response. This is where the second region – the prefrontal cortex – comes in. Located just behind our forehead, the prefrontal cortex helps us to increase or decrease our emotional responses as necessary. So if we see a predator (such as a bear) in the zoo, the prefrontal cortex tells us we don't need to panic because it's in an enclosure.

These regions need to be well-connected in order to effectively generate and adjust our emotional responses. This is where sleep comes in. When we're sleep deprived, the connections between these areas weaken, making the reaction in the limbic system stronger.

Sleep loss not only increases our reaction to stressful events during the day, it also makes these reactions harder to change. This may be particularly pronounced if you lose REM (rapid eye movement) sleep.

Studies show that getting poor sleep makes us more likely to choose less effective ways of managing our emotions which could have a knock-on effect for our mental health. Imagine you're experiencing a difficult work problem.

If you're well rested, you are more likely to be able to effectively problem solve, fixing the issue. But if you're sleep deprived, you might avoid dealing with the problem. Over time, this could have a negative effect on wellbeing.

Sleep is also crucial for processing and consolidating memories from our day. When we have emotional experiences, sleep both helps us remember these events and remove the associated feelings.

This happens in REM sleep, when activity in most brain regions is similar to when we're awake. By reactivating memories during REM sleep, the associated feelings can be removed from the content of the memory. This is why "sleeping on it" really can help you feel better in the morning. Indeed, studies have shown that, over time, improving sleep can lead to less anxiety, depression, and stress, and increased life satisfaction.

A good night's sleep

If you want to keep your emotions and mental health in check, here are the best ways to get a good night's sleep:

- Maintain a consistent bedtime and wake time – even on your days off. This helps your body clock get into a routine, improving your sleep. Having a big shift in sleep time between your work and free days is known as "social jetlag", which can be associated with increased anxiety.
- Seek out natural light in the morning and avoid blue light in the evening. Our body clock is strongly affected by light. It impacts a part of the brain called the supra-chiasmatic nucleus, which releases a sleep hormone called melatonin.
- Getting natural light in the morning helps us to suppress melatonin, which improves our mood and makes us feel more alert. The blue light found in electronic devices also minimises melatonin. This means that using electronics in the evening can result in it taking longer for us to feel sleepy. So we recommend that you turn them off or set them to "night time mode" an hour before you go to bed.
- Avoid certain substances – such as alcohol, caffeine and nicotine. Caffeine and nicotine are stimulants, which can interfere with our body's drive to sleep. It's best to avoid these, particularly in the afternoon and evening as our body gets ready for sleep.
- Alcohol also changes the structure of our sleep, making us more likely to wake up during the night. Studies also show using alcohol daily can decrease sleep quality, especially for people with anxiety.
- Allow yourself time to wind down before bed. Make sure your bedroom is comfortable, cool, quiet and dark to minimise chances of being disturbed. Before bed, try using relaxation or mindfulness techniques, which have been linked with both better sleep quality and better overall mental health.

Getting a good night's sleep can work wonders for improving our mental health. But it doesn't stop there.

Sleeping well can also improve our memory, attention and other thought processes. It also benefits several aspects of our physical health, including our weight and heart, making sleep an important priority for all aspects of our wellbeing.

(Joanne Bower, Lecturer in Psychology, University of East Anglia, for The Conversation via PTI)

MIRRORLIGHTS

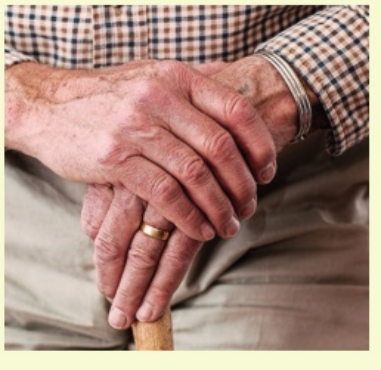
Scientists uncover new targets for treating Parkinson's

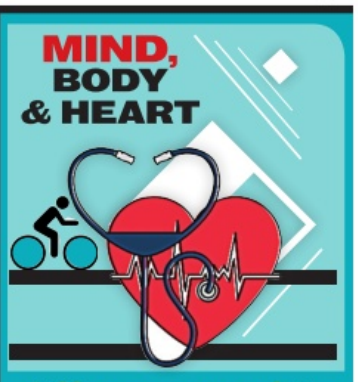
Scientists have found that a type of immune cells of people with Parkinson's disease have a very specific gene signature, a finding that may open the door to new treatments and diagnostics for the debilitating condition. Researchers at La Jolla Institute for Immunology (LJI) in California found that people with Parkinson's disease have a clear "genetic signature" of the disease in their memory T cells. These genes appear responsible for targeting alpha-synuclein and potentially causing ongoing inflammation in cases of Parkinson's.

The new study, published in the journal npj Parkinson's Disease, offers a way to stop these T cells in their tracks.

"Identifying these genes will make it possible to see which patients have T cells that respond to alpha-synuclein and which do not," Professor Cecilia Lindestam Arlehamn, of La Jolla Institute for Immunology (LJI), said.

Parkinson's progresses as dopamine-producing neurons in the brain die. Unfortunately, scientists have been unable to pinpoint what causes this cell death – though they do have a clue: The doomed neurons contain clumps of a damaged protein called alpha-synuclein. **–IANS**





All you need to know about...

Tension headaches

What is it?
Almost everyone gets tension headaches, which can be brought on by stress.

What are the symptoms?
A painful tight band sensation around your head, and your scalp may feel tender to the touch. These headaches may be felt in the neck, shoulders, like a muscle spasm.

What causes it?
We don't know. We used to think the headaches were caused by the pain of muscle spasms due to stress and tension. Turns out this isn't true. It would seem people who suffer tension headaches have increased sensitivity to pain, accounting for not only the headaches but also the muscle tenderness.

What's the treatment?
Most people treat their tension headaches with over-the-counter painkillers. But for someone who has frequent headaches, repeated use of painkillers can result in another type of pain – a headache from overusing medication.

Acute medications
Pain relievers. Simple over-the-counter pain relievers are usually the first line of treatment people reach for to treat their headaches.
Combination medications. Aspirin or paracetamol or both are often combined with caffeine or a sedative drug in a single medication. Many are available over the counter.
Triptans, which are used for the severe pain of migraine and cluster headaches, will relieve tension pain too.
Narcotics should never be used for headaches.

Preventive medications
For persistent tension headaches, tricyclic antidepressants are the most commonly used medication to prevent them.
Your doctor may also suggest anticonvulsants and muscle relaxants to stop them happening.

—Dr Miriam Stoppard, Daily Mirror

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SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

$\sqrt{27} - \sqrt{75} = m$

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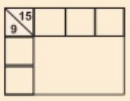
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



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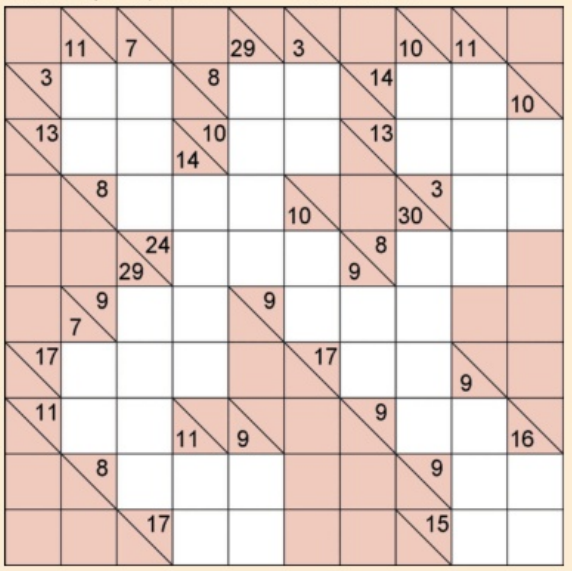

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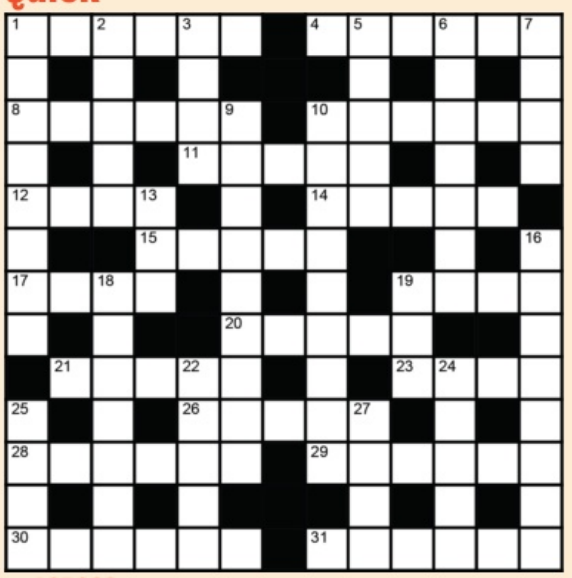


ACROSS

1 Honestly or factually (6)
4 Representatives (6)
8 Column; post (6)
10 Overly inquisitive (6)
11 Galouti for one. Kakori for another (5)
12 Indonesian island (4)
14 Icy or cold – "glide" anagram? (5)
15 Stringed instrument (5)
17 Indolently (4)
19 Field yield (4)
20 First prime minister of India (5)
21 Pale purple colour (5)
23 Greek township (4)
26 Infernal places (5)
28 Uses foul language (6)
29 Joins or enlists (6)
30 Rapid (6)
31 Concurs or complies with (6)

DOWN

1 Nation without a monarch (8)
2 Sulphide in oil of garlic (5)
3 Seep or ooze out (4)
5 The Earth? (5)
6 Louder (7)
7 Agile; lively (4)
9 Abandons or forswears (9)
10 National park home to many tigers and elephants (9)
13 A climbing vine (3)
16 Mollifies or pacifies (8)
18 Free time (7)
19 Chew the ___ : ruminate or ponder over? (3)
22 In front (5)
24 Ham it up (5)
25 Inlets (4)
27 Cosy (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: U EQUALS G

QJYTAQU PMDKVI EW K PKID IJ HEPT KI IYKYAQU AY YJ KQJYTDV WDVIJQ.

Linemaro

I want to write a poem about you. Quickly tell me something about yourself so that I can get started

Mindchow

Atheism is a non-prophet organisation

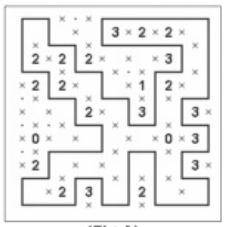
Joke of the day

Monday is an awful way to spend 1/7th of your life

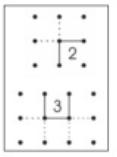
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



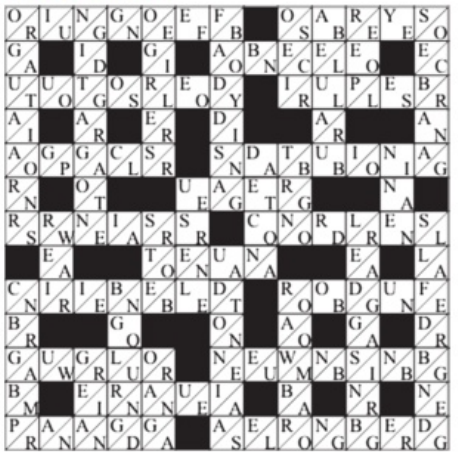
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1 G	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

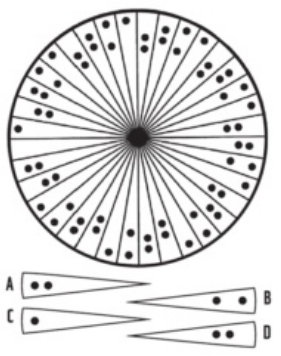
1 Be erg; 6 Lenin; 7 Oasis; 8 Hunts; 9 Gees I

DOWN

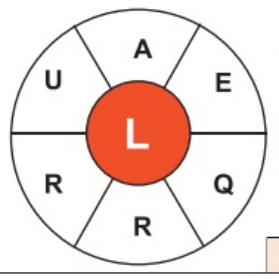
1 Slogs; 2 Irish; 3 Nee us; 4 Begin; 5 Eaten

Mensapuzzle

Which of the sectors below – A, B, C orD – should fill the empty sector in the circle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; **06** Good; **08** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

		1	5		6	8		
		4	7		8	9		
	7	2				4	6	
	3						8	
			4	1	9			
	1						9	
	2	5				3	7	
		7	9		5	1		
		3	8		2	6		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 22

1 3 4 9

Medium = 4

1 3 3 4

Hard = 50

4 6 8 5

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

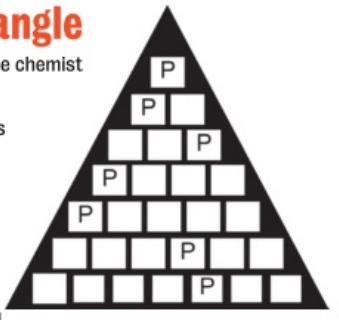
Differences: 1. Finger is moved. 2. Glasses are missing. 3. Bottom of chair is different. 4. Newspaper is longer. 5. Sleeve is longer. 6. Hair is different.

Riddler

What goes all the way around the world but stays in a corner?

Alpha triangle

1 Phosphorus for the chemist
2 22/7
3 Little drink
4 Partner of needles
5 Evergreens
6 Sharpshooted
7 Cut



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

Crankshaft

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may be happy due to blessings from auspicious planetary combinations. You may have some sort of energy which may improve your prestige among people around you. You may spend your time to study intellectual stuff.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, the starting of the day may be dull. After late evening, you may control negativity. New people may connect with you on the work front. With the help of new people, you may try to revamp your business plans. It is advised to read documents before putting your signature.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, with the help of blessings, you may control your indecisiveness. Kids' health will be better now. Your colleagues may be supportive in your work, which will be successful. You may expect to get some incentives with the salary. Natives related to dairy, water projects, grains, home-maker's art and culture may do well.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may plan to migrate from your current place to another place. You are advised to think twice before taking decisions regarding migration or change of place. You may also plan to change your job. There will be peace in your mind but your kid's health might make you upset. It is advised to avoid speculation in investments.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may have a good patience. Meditation may help you to increase concentration, which may help to speed up your project. Your subordinates may cooperate with you; it may help you to complete the project before timeline. You are likely to go on some short trips related to work. An influential person may help you to boost your network.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may be busy in family get-togethers and social events; you may become polite with the people around you, which may increase your prestige among them. You may spend money in buying some artefacts or household items which may improve your social status. You are likely to hear some good news from one of your relatives.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you will be busy in family get-togethers, you may re-establish your network, which will give you benefits in near future. Natives related to glamour, art, fashions, films, media may plan to do something new in terms of their profession. Students may perform better today in terms of study. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may be busy on the work front, which may make you mentally tired and may affect your day-to-day routine. You may be able to create some overseas network. You should be careful in terms of investments. Natives in the job, may get a promotion.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, situation will be under control. Your destiny is likely to be with you in terms of gains in the past investments. You may get some rewards for your hard work. Projects which were stopped without a reason may likely to be reinitiated. You may expect peaceful religious travel. You may also plan to donate some amount to any religious place or to some charity.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, your moon is not in a positive position; you may have health issues. You may face losses in business or in a past investment. It is advised not to invest into business. Your gains will convert into losses. You are advised to stop making investments in worthless objects. You should avoid to be involved in controversies, otherwise it will pull you down negatively.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, will be good for your work; you may be able to perform well in terms of work. Your boss is likely to give you some new responsibility in terms of promotions. Disputes with the partner may be settled. You may lend money for making your assets. Your kids' health may be better now. You are likely to make some investments for kids' future.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may be blessed by moon. Love would be in the air in terms of personal life. Singles may find a suitable match. You may do better in your professional life. Your friends and subordinate staff may support you. Investments in gems and jewellery are likely to give positive gains in near future. You should be careful for elders' health.

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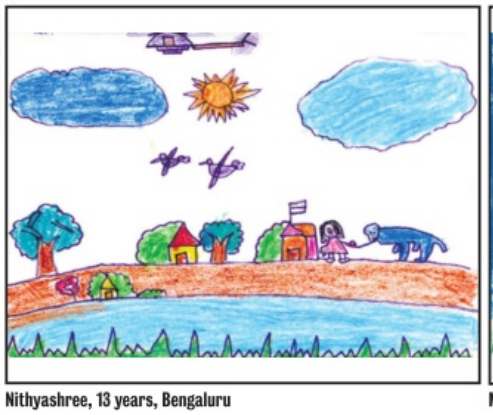
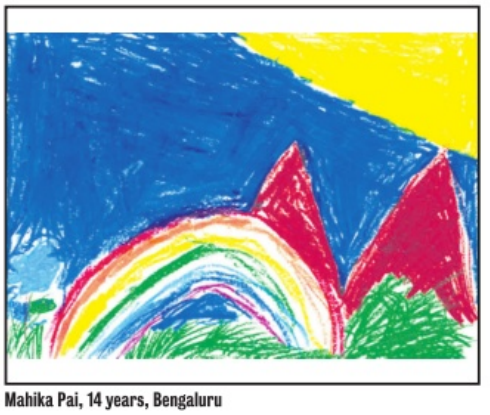


Nithyashree, 13 years, Bengaluru



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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
3√3-5√3 =-2√3=m.
m^2=4^3=12.
12^1/3 = 12^1:1/3 =12^3=1728

BULL'S EYE
earl, equal, lure, rule, ruler, rural

STRIKE OUT

R	I	N	G	M	O	F	O	B	E	Y	S			
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QUICK

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FAST FIVE

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L	I	N	E	N
O	S	S	I	A
S	H	U	N	T
S	I	E	G	E

RIDDLER A stamp

QUOTE UNCODE
Nothing clears up a case so much as stating it to another person.

MENSA PUZZLE
B. The position of the spots is repeated in every 4th sector.

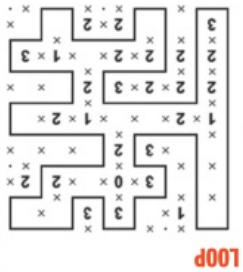
SUDOKU

3	9	1	5	4	6	8	2	7
5	6	4	7	2	8	9	1	3
8	7	2	3	9	1	4	6	5
4	3	9	6	5	7	2	8	1
2	5	8	4	1	9	7	3	6
7	1	6	2	8	3	5	9	4
9	2	5	1	6	4	3	7	8
6	8	7	9	3	5	1	4	2
1	4	3	8	7	2	6	9	5

ALPHA TRIANGLE
P, Pl, Slp, Plns, Plnes, Snlped, Snipped.

GO FIGURE
Easy
3 x 4 + 1 + 9 = 22
Medium
4 – 3 / 1 + 3 = 4
Hard
5 x 8 + 6 + 4 = 50

LOOP



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 # Aishwyarya Rajinikanth to make Hindi debut
Filmmaker Aishwarya Rajinikanth on Monday announced she is set to debut in Hindi as a director with her upcoming film "Oh Saathi Chal"

Art meets commercial

April 1 will see a host of films lining up for release. Among them is Trikona, a content-oriented Kannada film, directed by C Chandrakanth and backed by BR Rajasekhar. Suresh Heblikar, Achyuth Kumar, Lakshmi and Sudharani are among the film's star cast.

"Trikona will release on April 1. We are ensuring the promotion of our film is nothing short of a big film," says Rajasekhar.

He adds that he has penned the script and story along with the director. "I had previously made Barfi and Parole as a director. We are eagerly waiting to showcase this film to the Kannada audience," he says.

What is Trikona about? Rajasekhar answers, "The film is about patience. It is a story about three generations and how each of them reacts to a problem when they face one. How differently would a 20-25-year-old see a situation as opposed to someone in their 40s and 60s. Patience is important for everyone and with enough patience, one can achieve anything."

About the film, Rajasekhar further shares, 'We have chosen to take a sensitive subject that is usually reserved for art films, but we have treated it in a commercial manner. We showed the film to people from the industry, including P Sheshadri and Suchendra Prasad, when we had our first copy and they were all praise for our film. This has given us the much-needed boost and we have since been gearing up for release." —TOI

Marvel at Marvel Films

Hollywood star Jared Leto has said that people should be "thankful" for Marvel movies after recently causing a stir by saying the comic book films are keeping cinemas open. The actor recently claimed that the comic book blockbusters were the only thing keeping cinemas open, leading to other films being shut out. He still stands by what he said and insisted that he actually thinks it is a good thing, femalefirst.co.uk reported. He said: "I pretty much just bury my head in the sand, say a lot of stupid s*** and then let everybody go have fun with it. But I would say it again. I mean, are people upset with it? Do they agree with it? What are they, confused about it?

"If you look at the box office and what people are buying tickets for, I worked at a movie theatre as a kid, OK, and I'm talking about what's actually generating revenue to keep the buildings open and the people employed and the ecosystem thriving.

"(Marvel movies) are probably the biggest generators of revenue. So, in a sense, we should be thankful..." —IANS

INTERVIEW | HUMA QURESHI, ACTOR

She's worth it

Huma Qureshi speaks up about pay parity, her experience working with Ajith and much more

Actor Huma Qureshi is on a roll this year with back-to-back hit films and web series to her credit. While she recently grabbed attention with her special qawwali number in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's film, she has also hit headlines with box office numbers of her Tamil film 'Valimai'. Speaking to ETimes, Huma gets candid about what's new in her work life, and more. Excerpts:

Which on-screen character holds a special place in your life?
I feel lucky to be part of films and web series in which I got to play strong female characters. It is difficult to get well-written female parts. We as a society don't like strong women. We like women who are not vocal about what they think and feel. That reflects in our films as well. But now times are changing and female-centric roles are more in demand. The one character which holds a special place will be Rani Bharti from 'Maharani', an uneducated woman who went on to become the chief minister of Bihar.

Name someone in your life who you really look up to.
I have always looked up to my mother, Ameena Qureshi. I have and will give credit to her for being a strong woman figure in my life, for encouraging me every step of the way. For me, she's the epitome of who I am today.

What are your thoughts on the gender pay gap?
Regarding pay parity, I would say that if a woman is asking for what she deserves, I think it is because she deserves it. That is her market thing and she deserves what she is asking for. My point is that a man doesn't have to prove himself by doing a male-centric film, but sometimes a female has to prove it by doing a female-centric film and say that this is the audience that she has pulled in.

One wish you want to fulfill?
My one wish is that I want to change and bring a positive impact on body positivity. I want every girl in this world to love their body as it is. A woman is so much more beautiful and complex than just being judged by a number on a scale.

How was it working with Ajith in 'Valimai'?
I had great fun working with the entire team and especially with Ajith sir as I am a huge fan. I am looking forward to acting in more films with him. Ajith sir is simple, humble, he does not take stardom seriously and after working with him in 'Valimai', the one thing I felt was he's a very good actor. But as a human being, he is a very kind-hearted and disciplined man. 'Valimai' is my second film in Tamil and the love and respect I have received from my audience.

Auction of India's heritage film posters

Online Auction House deRivaz & Ives has announced what is said to be the largest collection of first-release original Indian film posters.

Exactly 20 years after the groundbreaking The ABC Series, which introduced and established a credible financial market and respectability for Indian film publicity material and memorabilia, this collection of rare first-release original film posters from India's vast cinematic history, includes many designs that are still not available on the global internet.

Various live events and exhibitions will be held in Mumbai and Delhi in the coming months to pay tribute to many Indian film legends and superstars, including Satyajit Ray, Dilip Kumar, Bimal Roy, Dharmendra, Rajesh Khanna, SuaraBanu, and PamartStudio's. Little will change unless the Indian film community takes a greater responsibility for preserving our paper-based cinematic heritage. Aamir Khan, Shah Rukh Khan, Anil Kapoor, Anupam Kher, Dia Mirza, and a few others have previously purchased Osian's auctions. —IANS